

Application No.: 10/849,085

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tube filling process comprising the steps of:

- loading empty plastic tubes into a fixture;
- sealing only one end of said plastic tubes;
- filling a first substance into said plastic tubes; and
- affixing an applicator tip to an open end of said plastic tubes.

Claim 2 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 1, further comprising the step of forming a score line on said plastic tubes.

Claim 3 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 2, further comprising the step of removing excess amount of said first substance from said plastic tubes to create equal heights of said first substance in said plastic tubes.

Claim 4 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 3, further comprising the step of filling a second substance into said plastic tubes.

Claim 5 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 4, further comprising the step of removing excess amount of said second substance from said plastic tubes to create equal heights of said second substance in said plastic tubes.

Claim 6 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 5, further comprising the step of centrifuge said plastic tubes.

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Claim 7 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 4, further comprising the step of centrifuge said plastic tubes.

Claim 8 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 1, further comprising the step of removing excess amount of said first substance from said plastic tubes to create equal heights of said first substance in said plastic tubes.

Claim 9 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 8, further comprising the step of filling a second substance into said plastic tubes.

Claim 10 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 9, further comprising the step of removing excess amount of said second substance from said plastic tubes to create equal heights of said second substance in said plastic tubes.

Claim 11 (original): A tube filling process as in claim 10, further comprising the step of centrifuge said plastic tubes.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (canceled)